FH, JHS re Haapinen 7/13/71

Glad to get this seemingly endorsement. My own experience with those in the NW is that they have been long on talk and paranoia and short on production and performance. I consider that they have wasted much time for me and I am dubious about some of their trusted connections. Hence I want nothing of mine to go to them. I had heard from NV that he was coming down and included the Newcombs in his plans, and I have the strongest reservations about their judgement, dependability and, aside from not doubting their genuine interest in case, motives and in some areas rationalist. Fred is weak and has done much harm, including ot me personally. So, aside from old and trusted friends, I stay away from anyone who has anything of any nature to do with them. They have done things of which you do not know aside from to me that are not nice. And their Lifton relationship has been a strange affair, never truthfully represented during the period of which I know.

Having said this, and having nothing against Larry and knowing nothing adverse about him, I believe the Russian specialty should be encouraged, but not with anything of a delicate nature, as witness what Bud and others did. Now I have Conner's book, do not remember this, but if JHS doesn't have, I can copy and provide those pages. Regardless of anything she says, unless it is facsimile, be not without some question. Even of direct quotes. This is, however, interesting that he got special post-discharge PX privileges.

In you encourage him to look into anything, please include indications LHO has some kind of minor US intelligence function or interest. Those notes he made on his plant are exactly the kind of thing the CIA, quite properly, as I see it, always wants, the kinds of thing they seek in innocent debriefing of travellers, for example. All intelligence agencies of all governments want this kind of thing. It is the most basic intelligence. You can be sure the Russians have more of this on us than we on them. I'd be interested in any tentative beliefs or fixed ones he may have developed. NV said he would write after Larry was there but hasn't. NW